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LAYER 2 SWITCH AND METHOD OF PROCESSING EXPANSION VLAN TAG OF
LAYER 2 FRAME

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200310113212.2. A copy of the English translation of the Chinese Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto.

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